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In re patent application of

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CLEANING INKJET HEAD

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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 7 of this paper.

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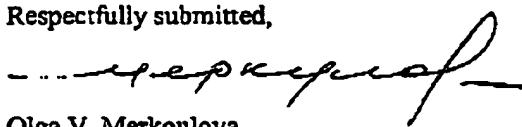
page 4 to 11, page 23 of the specification. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the different level member is not always necessary to create a spiraling current that performs both of purging the nozzle and wiping around the nozzle. For example, when the suction hole member is slanted with respect to the orifice surface such as shown in Figure 8, a gap that air flows into is created. The spiraling current is created due to the gap. As such, the different level member is not essential in creating the spiral current.

In order to emphasize this fact the new claims 23 and 24 have been added by the present amendment. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1 to 24 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

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